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SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah. Well, Senator, I'm not questioning the expenditure. I'm sure...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...if the committee has gone over it that it's a legitimate expenditure.

SENATOR VRTISKA: It was the decision of the committee then to set aside the rest of that money to...in a trust fund that could help because of the increasing costs of benefits that we're incurring every year, to leave that money to use, so we wouldn't have to raise unemployment insurance as much as we would if we didn't have this money. And so that was a decision that the committee made, to set this money aside in a trust.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Time has expired. Thank you, Senator Beutler. Chair would recognize Senator Jim Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, and I would just like to follow through with a few questions also to Senator Vrtiska, if he would yield.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I'm sorry. I didn't...I was busy.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Jensen would like to ask you a few questions.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes. Yes.

SENATOR JENSEN: Now these dollars are really...these are unemployment dollars, is that correct,...

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's correct.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...that are set aside? Do we have any kind of